

# STAMPING OUT ILLITERACY

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Rapid Progress Being Made In the  
Work In Kentucky—Great Re-  
sults Attained—Mrs. Stewart  
Begins Work In Ohio.

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Frankfort.—So successful have been the "moonlight schools" in this state that Ohio will follow the example set by Kentucky, and "moonlight schools" will be introduced in that state.

Mrs. Cora Wilson Stewart, Chairman of the Kentucky Illiteracy Commission, will open the campaign in Ohio Christmas week with a speech at Columbus.

Reports are being received by the Commission indicating that the work is progressing more rapidly in Kentucky than had been anticipated. A majority of the letters received by the Commission this week were from persons whose ages ranged from 50 to 75 years, who had entered the moonlight schools as illiterates last fall.

Without exception, whenever a teacher reports success in gaining attendance of adults at night school, the report adds that it has improved the attendance of children in the day school.

Mrs. Wilson said this was one of the first beneficial effects wherever a successful "moonlight" school was conducted in Rowan county.

## Regular Attendance.

Regular attendance of children throughout the rural school year is one of the serious problems the Department of Education has to deal with. The explanation offered for the increased average of attendance where the adults are taught is, in the first place, that as soon as the parents begin to learn and grow interested in the school the indifference toward education is removed. Then it brings teachers in personal contact with the very people whose children are lax in attendance, attention and preparation; and it brings to the teacher's attention hindrances the teacher had not been aware of before.